



## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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#### **New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council's is convening its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) via webinar to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** This webinar will be held on Thursday, August 4, 2022, beginning at 9 a.m.

Webinar registration information:

*<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3655609405233935632>.*

Call in information: +1 (631) 992-3221, Access Code: 484-371-473.

**ADDRESSES:** Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Agenda**

The Scientific and Statistical Committee will meet to provide feedback to the Council's Groundfish Plan Development Team (PDT) on possible rebuilding approaches for Gulf of Maine cod and on the basis for the range of alternative rebuilding strategies under development. They will receive an update on the development of Acceptable Biological Catch control rule alternatives under consideration for the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. They will review information provided by the Council's Herring PDT and the results of recent Atlantic herring management track stock assessment. Using the Council's ABC control rule and rebuilding plan, recommend the OFLs and the ABCs for Atlantic herring for fishing years 2023, 2024, and 2025. Also on the agenda, their plans to recommend an approach for setting the discard deduction from the annual catch target during specifications setting for the monkfish fishery, considering information provided by the Monkfish Plan Development Team. They will consider other business as necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on the agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency. The public also should be aware that the meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

### **Special Accommodations**

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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